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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (RUMSFELD, DONALD), SA, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 2487

1. PURSUANT TO YOUR SUGGESTION CONVEYED REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ME TO HRH CROWN PRINCE FAHD AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: DURING OUR MEETING IN TAIF LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN WE REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OUT-STANDING MILITARY SUPPLY QUESTIONS, YOU ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. I HAVE KEPT THIS IN MIND BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A WORTHWHILE VISIT.

3. I HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT SECRETARY RUMSFELD WOULD BE PLEASED TO VISIT THE KINGDOM AS SOON AS HIS SCHEDULE PER-SECRET

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MIT, POSSIBLY IN JULY. I REALIZE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS

VERY OCCUPIED WITH HIGH-RANKING VISITORS, BUT IF YOU DEEM
SUCH A VISIT TO BE APPROPRIATE AT THAT TIME, I AM SURE THAT
SECRETARY RUMSFELD WOULD WELCOME HEARING FROM YOU OR FROM
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SULTAN. WITH MY PERSONAL BEST
WISHES AND WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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